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Dr. Mark Hulsey

NM Mark Hulsey Wins First Oklahoma Senior Championship Qualifier

Two of Oklahoma's masters were "lured" out of semi-retirement to play in the first-ever Oklahoma Senior Championship and qualifier, sponsored by the OCA, on April 14-15 in a 5-SS in Chandler, OK.

The event was prompted by USChess (USCF), the national organization, which is instituting this year a new national championship for seniors (over age 50) held concurrent with the U.S. Open and modeled after the Denker National Tournament of High School Champions (in which each state sends one high school player to compete for a national title). For the seniors version of this format, each state was asked to select a representative, and using an open "qualifier" tournament to do it was the suggested method. This is what the OCA chose to do. It is believed to be the first seniors-only tournament in Oklahoma.

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The event was generously sponsored by Dr. Michael Bay, who runs the private baseball camp in Chandler, and who is a chess enthusiast as well. The main meeting hall at the camp makes a comfortable chess venue.

The event drew only 12 players, due no doubt to a short publicity window of only a few weeks, but nevertheless was quite strong — with 3 masters, 1 expert, and many veteran players —an average rating over 1900!

NM Mark Hulsey won a key game over NM Bart Gibbons in round 3, en route to a total score of 4½ and clear first place, which included a $100 prize and a stipend estimated at $1250 to be used to defray expenses for travel to the National Seniors Championship (coming up in Madison, Wisconsin). That money, of course, is only awarded if actually used. Hulsey does plan to go, but in case he can't the slot would go to Braunlich (2nd place).

Hulsey's one draw was with Expert James Long, who also upset NM Tom Braunlich in round 2 and might have tied for 1st place were it not for an unfortunate last-round loss.

TD was Joe Veal, (assisted by Bart Gibbons).

"I am satisfied with the turnout, given the short lead time on the event," Joe said. "I believe with more normal publicity window we would have met the goal of 20 players, if not 30." Since the players had a good time at this first senior's event, Joe added he thought next year's Senior tournament would likely grow considerably, and add a bright spot to the chess calendar for the older players.

Seldom does Hulsey play in tournaments these days, since he is a busy medical doctor, specializing in rheumatology, in OKC. However he does frequent the Saturday chess club there to stay sharp.

Gibbons earned the NM title back in 1979, but spent most of his chess career focusing on correspondence chess, where he earned an IM title. He has played less than 100 over-the-board games in the last 30 years, and he wasn't pleased with his "rusty" play in this event. He has said he hopes to become more involved locally, in various ways, including becoming an active TD.

> "The fact the tournament drew NMs Hulsey and Gibbons made the whole event worthwhile by itself!"
> —Braunlich

Also a noticable performance from this tournament was by *Wayne Hatcher*, who drew games both with Gibbons and Braunlich.

The camp location in Chandler is very pleasant and makes a nice central meeting place which allows many players to avoid overnight hotel costs to attend a tournament here. The camp overlooks a baseball diamond nestled below in a valley, and in off-season months makes a nice venue for a chess event. The only concern is with the lighting, which is a little dim. During the day it is fine due to numerous windows, but the owner agreed it could be improved in the future for play at night.

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The winner Mark Hulsey with TD Joe Dean Veal.

Players left to right: James Long, Mike Parker, Judson Temple, Wayne Hatcher.

OCA 2018 OKLAHOMA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
April 14-15, 2018 • Chandler, OK • TD: Joe Veal

	Player Name	Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	MARK HULSEY		4.5	W 11	W 6	W 8	D 4	W 5
OK		2221 ->2233						
2	TOM BRAUNLICH		3.5	W 7	L 4	D 5	W 6	W 10
OK		2210 ->2200						
3	CHRIS DOOLEY		3.5	W 12	L 8	D 6	W 10	W 4
OK		1950 ->1960						
4	JAMES LONG		3.0	W 9	W 2	H	D 1	L 3
OK		2027 ->2038						
5	WAYNE L HATCHER		3.0	D 8	W 11	D 2	W 7	L 1
OK		1932 ->1960						
6	JUDSON TEMPLE		2.5	W 10	L 1	D 3	L 2	W 7
OK		1854 ->1863						
7	MIKE PARKER		2.0	L 2	W 12	B	L 5	L 6
OK		1735 ->1718						
8	BART F GIBBONS		1.5	D 5	W 3	L 1	U	U
OK		2230 ->2217						
9	DANIAL SMITH		1.0	L 4	D 10	H	U	U
OK		1655 ->1641						
10	ISTVAN SZABAD		1.0	L 6	D 9	H	L 3	L 2
OK		1439 ->1444						
11	JIM BERRY		0.0	L 1	L 5	U	U	U
OK		1858 ->1844						
12	DR MICHAEL BAY		0.0	L 3	L 7	U	U	U
OK		UNR ->1300						

Key round 3 game: NM Mark Hulsey vs. NM Bart Gibbons

RED RIVER SHOOTOUT
Texas Dashes Oklahoma's "Four-Peat" Dreams: 30-22

by Victor Yaward, Chess Reporter

(Davis, OK. 21 April 2018) — Oklahoma's dreams of a fourth straight victory were spoiled by Texas, 30 to 22, in the 16th annual "Red River Shootout" chess match between two teams representing each state, held April 21 in Davis, OK.

After a 45-minute weather delay, things were looking good for the Okies at the start, thanks to rookie Jimmy Nazario's decisive win on board 20, at 12:35 PM, giving the Okies a 3-point lead (5.5 to 2.5). By 1:18 PM, Texas had slowly battled back and knotted the score, (7.5 to 7.5) with a board 4 draw between Oklahoma chess legend Shaun Graham-Bowcaster and Texas rookie Cory Klauss.

One minute later, Texas Team Captain Chris Wood scored the go-ahead point on board 25 and Texas never trailed again.

At halftime, Texas led 14 to 12.

In the first half, Oklahoma had played with all white pieces. Since the second half would see the colors reversed, and Texas was playing with all white pieces, there was a strong feeling Texas could finally halt a three-year drought in this classic match.

In the second half, Rookie Gabriel Teubner swept board 22 to narrow the gap for Oklahoma to 16-13. Then six straight wins by Texas (Rookie Sam Rose, Bob Curtis, Rookie Taj Mohammed, Rookie Katrina Muller, Tom Crane, and Doug Schwetke) made things look like the beginning of a rout (3:47 PM, 22-13). However, three straight wins by Oklahoma (Rookie Scott Baker, Rebecca Rutledge and Tommy Hay) put that hypothesis in doubt (4:08 PM, 22-16).

The teams traded points until Texas Rookie Jim Kirk scored an upset "Ace" on board 1 (4:30 PM, 25-18). Danny Dunn and Rubin Wells battled to a draw in the French Advance opening (4:36 PM, 25.5-18.5). Oklahoma's Curtis Williams refused to budge and won on board 9 (4:52 PM, 25.5-19.5).

RRSO XVI Round One Action

Oklahoma has the White Pieces
Photo by Jeff French

Finally, Wichita Falls native Kenny Salan swept board 19 to clinch RRSO XVI for Texas (5:01 PM, 26.5-19.5). The final game ended with a draw, on board 5, between Rookie Francisco Tort and Wayne Hatcher at 5:39pm.

The final score was Texas 30, Oklahoma 22. Oklahoma will have to wait for its FOUR-PEAT.

"We're very proud of our team's effort in RRSO XVI," said Phil Stegall, first-year Oklahoma Team Captain. "Rebecca Rutledge and two of our rookies, Scott Baker and Gabriel Teubner, swept their matches, 2-0. Paul Hodgden, Shaun Graham-Bowcaster, Curtis Williams, Jeremy Brown, and Tommy Hay also gave us a boost by winning their individual matches. Our 11 rookies really impressed us. We're looking forward to more great things from them next year."

Barbecue Dinner and Speed Chess Finale

"Kudos to Tom Crane and the Tarrant County Chess Club for a delicious Victory Dinner," said Chis Wood, first-year Texas Team Captain.

"The dinner Tom brought in was absolutely fabulous. And I don't know which was more fun; the match or the speed chess tournament afterward. Sam Rose is one heck of a player; swept his board 2-0 and for desert went 9-0 in the speed event."

Jeff French, editor of the Texas Chess Association's *Texas Knights* publication, has been publishing about RRSO for years. "Jim Hollingsworth twisted my arm to play in my first RRSO," said Jeff, "and I'm glad he did. RRSO is an incredible experience. There's nothing else like it in the chess world. And a

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Eleven Oklahoma Rookies played in RRSO XVI

Photo by Jeff French

RED RIVER SHOOTOUT 16

April 21, 2018 • Davis OK • 2 Rds • G/60+30

TD: Jim Hollingsworth Asst: Jim Berry, Louis Reed Jr, Mike Tubbs, Tommy Hay

Team	TEXAS			14.0	16.0	30.0	OKLAHOMA			12.0	10.0	22.0
Bd	Rating	First	Last				Rating	First	Last			
1	1939	JIM	KIRK	1.0	1.0	2.0	2107	LOGAN	ZACHARE	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	1894	RAFAEL	LLANOS	1.0	1.0	2.0	2048	NEIL	NAPUTO	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	1874	PHILLIP	FIORINI	0.0	0.5	0.5	1938	PAUL	HODGDEN	1.0	0.5	1.5
4	1873	CORY	KLAUSS	0.5	0.0	0.5	1987	SHAUN	GRAHAM-BOWCASTER	0.5	1.0	1.5
5	1864	FRANCISCO	TORT	0.5	0.5	1.0	1927	WAYNE	HATCHER	0.5	0.5	1.0
6	1842	MIKE	DONOVAN	0.5	1.0	1.5	1858	JIM	BERRY	0.5	0.0	0.5
7	1837	SAM	ROSE	1.0	1.0	2.0	1814	MIKE	TUBBS	0.0	0.0	0.0
8	1806	CHRIS	JOHNSON	1.0	1.0	2.0	1750	ERIC	JONES	0.0	0.0	0.0
9	1668	JIM	EDMUNDS	0.5	0.0	0.5	1719	CURTIS	WILLIAMS	0.5	1.0	1.5
10	1765	CARMEN	CHAIREZ	1.0	1.0	2.0	1694	LARRY	DEPUTY	0.0	0.0	0.0
11	1763	TAJ	MOHAMMED	1.0	1.0	2.0	1675	LEON	TOLIVER	0.0	0.0	0.0
12	1402	BRANDON	LLEWELLYN	0.0	0.0	0.0	1577	SCOTT	BAKER	1.0	1.0	2.0
13	1700	DANNY	DUNN	1.0	0.5	1.5	1555	RUBIN	WELLS R	0.0	0.5	0.5
14	1700	ODRIE	APONTE	0.5	1.0	1.5	1551	BRUCE	WELLS B	0.5	0.0	0.5
15	1582	RUSS	HEISE	0.5	0.5	1.0	1530	SHANE	STONEHOCKER	0.5	0.5	1.0
16	1574	BOB	CURTIS	0.0	1.0	1.0	1655	ROY	CRAM	1.0	0.0	1.0
17	1570	CHRIS	DE LA CRUZ	0.5	0.0	0.5	1498	JEREMY	BROWN	0.5	1.0	1.5
18	1530	TOM	CRANE	0.0	1.0	1.0	1493	MAX	BARNES	1.0	0.0	1.0
19	1502	KENNY	SALAN	1.0	1.0	2.0	1365	ADLEY	BUFFORD	0.0	0.0	0.0
20	1500	DOUG	SCHWETKE	0.0	1.0	1.0	1305	JIMMY	NAZARIO	1.0	0.0	1.0
21	1436	LOUIS	REED	0.5	0.0	0.5	1263	TOMMY	HAY	0.5	1.0	1.5
22	1416	JEFF	FRENCH	0.0	0.0	0.0	1292	GABRIEL	TEUBNER	1.0	1.0	2.0
23	1343	ADAM	HART	1.0	1.0	2.0	1220	PHIL	STEGALL	0.0	0.0	0.0
24	1210	KATRINA	MULLER	0.0	1.0	1.0	1181	OMAR	ABOUZAHR	1.0	0.0	1.0
25	1194	CHRIS	WOOD	1.0	0.0	1.0	1180	REX	RYCHLIK	0.0	1.0	1.0
26	684	RICK	GRAN	0.0	0.0	0.0	591	REBECCA	RUTLEDGE	1.0	1.0	2.0

real bonus for me was selling four Texas Knights subscriptions!"

Brazos Recruiting Format

For RRSO XVI, organizers used the "BRAZOS" pairing system that had been successfully tested in two Texas tournaments. Both team captains, looking at the same rosters, worked closely with Chief Organizer Jim Hollingsworth to recruit players, one-by-one, based on ratings classes. For example, if Oklahoma had a Class B player without a suitable opponent the other team's priority became recruiting a Class B Texan. The result was 26 match section boards, each with an Okie and a Texan facing off for two games that count in the final score.

"Last year, like too many times before, had a large Murray County Open." Said Jim Hollingsworth. "When one side shows up with too few players, the result is a lot of low rated players (and sometimes masters) in the Murray County Open with no individual impact on the team match. This year was much better. A small Murray County Open was available to fill any substitute needs. The players in the match section knew their games would count. We received a lot of compliments for being able to fill 26 match boards."

"When Jim Hollingsworth approached me with his "BRAZOS" recruiting idea," said former USCF President Jim Berry, I agreed we would try this for RRSO XVI and make improvements afterwards, just like we do after all RRSOs. Jim, Tom, Chris, Phil, and I worked very hard to fill the rosters. I am pleased we had 26 boards filled and qualified substitutes available in the Murray County Open. However, Oklahoma has 16,000 player games online (in the Okie Database). Texas has very few. This puts our experienced players at a huge disadvantage. I promise we're going to do something about that next year and level the field!"

The rosters were set and announced three weeks prior to allow time for the players to prepare. However, there were complaints the Texans have very few games online to study. "The Okies have a big game database online," said Hollingsworth. "This does cause concerns. The level of play rises when both sides have comparable resources. However, it will take at least two years for Texas to achieve an acceptable level of online games." Hollingsworth echoed Jim Berry's remarks and added the organizers are looking at this issue and will find a way to make RRSO XVII more competitive.

Next Year Already Planned

The next RRSO is scheduled for April 27, 2019.

Recruiting season starts 15 January 2019. Interested players should look for the latest match info at that time on two websites:

http://rrsochess.net/rrso_home.html - RRSO

http://ocfchess.org/ocf_tournaments.html

As all serious chess players know, the REAL Red River Shoot Out is a series of annual team matches between the most fanatical chess players in Oklahoma and Texas. Texas just won the title and leads the series despite playing on the road year after year after year.

See a selection of games from this event below starting on page 12.

Lawton Chess Club Rivals from the 1980's

Jim Hollingsworth (left) and Leon Tolliver (right)

FROM the SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP:

Long, James (2027)
Braunlich, Tom (2210) [B21]
OCA Okla Senior Ch (2.2), 14.04.2018
[TB]
1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.Qb3!? [7.0-0 Nge7 This is the idea of this particular defense to the Smith-Morra Gambit, i.e. 8.Nb5 d5=] 7...Bxc3+ [7...Nf6 8.e5 Ne4 9.0-0 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Be7= is the computer's suggestion, with equality for black. The text move forces an endgame a pawn up that I was hoping I would eventually win, but white has full compensation for the pawn anyway and it probably is better to stay in the middlegame for now.] 8.Qxc3 [8.bxc3 Na5 9.Qb4 Nxc4 10.Qxc4 d5≥] 8...Qa5 9.Bd2 Qxc3 10.Bxc3 f6 [This natural move is incorrect. It blunts the bishop but is a slight weakening of the pawn structure that eventually tells on black. More active was 10...Nf6!≥ 11.Bd3 d6 When black has a slight edge.] 11.0-0 With the two bishops plus several development tempos white has more than enough for the pawn now. 11...Nge7 12.Rfd1 b6 [Black can trade down to instant equality with 12...d5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Bxd5 Nxd5 15.Rxd5 Be6= but he wanted more so he rolls the dice, trying to reorganize his pieces to get in ...d5 without loss of the pawn.] 13.Rd6 Bb7 14.Rad1

14...Rd8 [14...0-0-0= is better, I was unjustifiably concerned that then 15.e5 fxe5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Rhg8 18.Rc1 would be too strong for white.; But this thinking was faulty. 14...0-0-0 15.e5 could have been met simply by 15...Rhf8 16.b4 Ng6 with a good game.] 15.b4 The under-protected rook on d8 now causes black many headaches. 15...Nc8 16.R6d2 a6?!
[16...e5 17.b5 N6e7 18.Be6 Bxe4 19.Bxd7+ Kf7 20.Be6+ Kxe6 21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Rxd8 looked better for white, although the computer says just a slight advantage.
Long suggested after the game: 16...Ke7 17.b5 Na5 18.Bb4+ d6 He was going to continue 19.Bd3 with a slight edge.*(*I was more afraid of *19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.Nd4* in that case, but *20...d5 21.exd5 exd5* is playable for black according to the computer. *22.Nf5+ Kf7 23.Bxd5+ Bxd5 24.Rxd5 Rxd5 25.Rxd5 Re8=)*] 17.a4 Ke7 18.b5 [18.Be2 Fritz] 18...axb5 19.axb5 Nb8? [19...Na5 is the only playable move, as Long pointed out after the game. I was unduly afraid of 20.Bb4+ d6 21.Bxa5 bxa5 22.Nd4 but it can be met by 22...d5 23.exd5 exd5 24.Bd3≤] 20.Bb4+ Kf7 21.Bd3!?
[Very patient! 21.Nd4 Rde8 *(21...Bxe4 22.Nxe6)* 22.f3± is apparently stronger, however.] 21...d5 22.Bb1 Rd7 [22...Ne7 23.Ba2 Nd7! equalizes. The threat to play ...Nc5 forces liquidations, i.e. 24.Bxe7 *(24.Nd4 Nc5≥)* 24...Kxe7 25.exd5 Nc5 26.dxe6 Bxf3 27.gxf3 Rxd2 28.Rxd2 Rd8 and white can't hold the e-pawn so actually black is a small edge in a probably drawn ending. But I didn't see any of this as the opportunity to activate my rooks appeared natural.] 23.Ba2 Rhd8 24.Nd4! Nice judgment by James. Black

appears to have activated his pieces, but he is actually still tied up and can't unravel. And slipping into time trouble I make a hasty move here that loses. 24...Nd6? [24...Re8 25.f4≤ threatening f4-f5. 25...g6 26.Nc6 Nxc6 27.exd5!± is the computer's line.] 25.exd5 Bxd5 26.Bxd5 exd5 27.Nc6!+- Nxb5 [27...Nxc6 28.bxc6 Rc7 29.Rxd5 Rxc6 30.Rxd6 Rdxd6 31.Bxd6; 27...Nxc6 28.bxc6 Ra7 29.Rxd5 Nb7 30.Rd7+! is the only move to win!] 28.Nxd8+ Rxd8 29.Rxd5 Rxd5 30.Rxd5 Nc7 31.Rd6 b5 32.Rb6 Nba6 33.Bd6 Ke8 34.Bxc7 Nxc7 35.Kf1 This ending is an easy win for white, even though black has a pawn for the exchange. The b-pawn cannot be held -- white just brings his king over to zugzwang black -- and on the kingside black has no outposts to put his knight on, and the rook will easily outmaneuver it. James plays it flawlessly... 35...Nd5 36.Rxb5 Ne7 37.Ke2 Kf7 38.f4 Kg6 39.g4 f5 40.h3 h5!? 41.Re5! [Black was playing for a trap. If 41.Rb6+ Kh7 42.gxh5 Nd5! wins the f4 pawn, with some drawing chances.] 41...Kf6 42.gxh5 Nc8 43.Rc5 Nd6 44.Rc6 Ke7 45.Ke3 Ne4 46.Kd4 Nf6 47.Rxf6 Kxf6 48.Kd5 g6 49.hxg6 Kxg6 50.Ke5 1-0

Gibbons,Bart (2230)
Hulsey,Mark (2221) [A09]
OCA Okla Senior Ch (3.1), 14.04.2018
[TB]

This proved to be the critical showdown at the Senior Championship. It was great to see these two masters come out of semi-retirement and duke it out in a rated game again, which for me justifies the whole Senior Championship concept. 1.Nf3 d5 When I see these first two moves I always remember Michael Brooks (back in the 1970s, long before he became an IM) telling me he played 1. Nf3 because if black goes 1...d5 you play 2. d4 and "You've tricked him into playing a Queen's Gambit!" I was confused and asked if he meant this was good because maybe black normally doesn't play the Queen's Gambit in the normal move order and might not know it, but he said, "No, it's because the Queen's Gambit is so strong!" 2.c4 This is one of the most popular moves here, but I always thought it was a bit risky for white -- because of black's reply creating a Reversed Benoni. The Benoni is considered a counter-punching defense, so I'm not so sure how good it is to adopt as white, even with the extra tempo you get. 2...d4 3.e3 [Also a popular move, but one could turn it into a Reversed Benko with 3.b4 as was played by Wayne Hatcher against Hulsey in round 5. In this case, however, 3...f6 4.d3 e5 is supposed to give Black a good game.; 3.g3 delaying the e3 decision until later is considered a more cagey option and scores slightly better in the database.] 3...c5 [3...Nc6 is considered strongest for black, trying to simply maintain piece control over d4. Black actually has a plus score in the database after this move.] 4.exd4 [4.b4! , as first played by Capablanca, is the critical Benko-style move that works well now that black has committed to ...c5. White has a good plus score with this, although it is a gambit after the moves 4...dxe3 5.fxe3 cxb4 6.d4] 4...cxd4 5.d3 Nc6 6.a3 [The main line is 6.g3 e5 7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0-0 Nge7=] 6...a5 7.Nbd2 e5 8.g3 Nf6 I think black is already slightly better here. It's a position from the Benoni that is normally considered good for white (for black in this color-reversed version of it), except white has the extra move Nbd2 to compensate for that. But this move is problematic for white. It actually is blocking his bishop from going to g5 as it often does. Also in the Benoni this knight prefers to develop Nb1-a3-c2 where it supports the key move b2-b4. That's no longer an idea either. 9.Bg2 Be7 [9...Bf5 looks tempting to me, developing with tempo and perhaps planning ...Qd7 and ...Bh3. White could however gambit that d3 pawn in an interesting way with: 10.0-0!? Bxd3 11.Re1 e4 12.Ng5 Be7 13.Ndxe4 Bxe4 14.Nxe4≤ regaining the pawn with an edge.] 10.0-0 0-0 11.Re1 Qc7 The opening has come out with equality. Given enough time black will play the Nimzovich maneuver Nf6-d7-c5 plus ...Bf5 to pressure d3, or maybe ...f5 to attack the kingside. So white plays to

prevent that. 12.Ng5!? Bg4 13.Bf3 Bf5!? [Simple and good was 13...Bxf3 14.Ndxf3 h6 15.Ne4 Nd7 followed by ...f5 to attack white's weakened kingside.] 14.Nde4 Rae8

15.g4!? Creating a light-squares domination on the kingside that looks well considered. 15...Bc8 16.Ng3 [The position may be about equal, but it is harder for white to see how to proceed. The usual plan is to get in b2-b4, which here seems far off. The computer suggests this odd plan: 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Bd5!? Bxg5 18.Bxg5 Be6=] 16...Bc5 17.N5e4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 [18.Nxe4 Be7 black can continue with ...f5 and get some active chances on the kingside. Bart prefers the B recapture to maintain white square grip.] 18...Kh8 19.Qf3 [19.Bd2 planning Rb1 and b2-b4 would challenge black more. I'm not sure what white's idea with the Q on the kingside is.] 19...Qe7 20.g5 [20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.Bxf5] 20...f5 Both players seem to want to attack on the kingside! 21.Bxc6 [It seems better is 21.gxf6 Qxf6 22.Qxf6 Rxf6= but no doubt white didn't want to exchange queens and was more ambitious. Bart spotted the idea of switching back to a b2-b4 plan by knocking out the knight, even though it leaves black with dangerous looking center pawns.] 21...bxc6 22.Bd2 [22.Qxc6? Bb7 23.Qb5 f4 with a big attack for the pawn.] 22...Bb7 23.b4! axb4 24.axb4 Bxb4 25.Bxb4 Qxb4 26.Reb1 Bart especially was in time pressure already here, which is typical for a player in the first tournament after a long layoff. Both players trade a pair of blunders now: 26...Qc3?? [Necessary was 26...Qe7 27.Ra7 Rb8≥] 27.Ra7? [Returning the favor. Black's queen would be trapped after the surprising 27.Qd1 threatening Rb3.]
27...Bc8? 28.Qh5? [Again the queen trap idea 28.Qd1 eludes both players.] 28...Qxd3-+ 29.Re1 f4 30.Ne4 Bf5 31.Nd6 Bg6 32.Qh4 Re6 33.c5 Qc3 34.Rea1 Qxc5 35.Nf7+ Bxf7 An entertaining creative game. At the climax it was white who made the last mistake... 0-1

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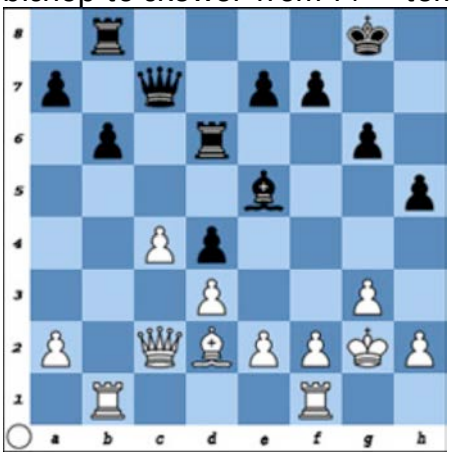
OCA Okla Senior Ch (5.1), 15.04.2018
[TB]
The last-round board one game. Hatcher had been on a roll with draws against two masters and wins over two Class A's. 1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 [Gibbons-Hulsey in round 3 went 3.e3] 3...g6 [3...f6] 4.g3 [4.Bb2 Bg7 5.e3 e5=] 4...Bg7 5.Bb2 c5!? 6.bxc5 Nc6 7.d3 Qa5+ 8.Nbd2 Nh6!? Planning to go to f5 to support the d4 pawn. 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Qxc5 11.Nb3 Qd6= I think black has a comfortable form of reversed Benoni now, and it is anybody's game at this point. 12.Ne1 [Slow. Maybe 12.c5!? Qd8 13.Nbd2] 12...Nf5 13.Nc2 h5 14.Rb1 Rd8 15.Ba3 Qc7 16.Nc5 b6 17.Ne4 Rb8 18.Nb4 Nxb4 19.Bxb4 Bb7 20.Bd2 Bc6 21.Qc1 Be5 22.Qc2 Nd6 [22...h4!?] 23.Nxd6 [23.f3 Nxe4 24.fxe4 f5] 23...Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Rxd6!? The position is still about even, but this clever move -- leaving a juicy lineup of major pieces on the diagonal that looks ripe for a white bishop to skewer from f4 -- tempts white...



25.f4?! To clear that diagonal for a possible bishop skewer, but not advisable. [25.c5 bxc5 26.Rxb8+ Qxb8 27.Qxc5 Qb7+ 28.Kg1]

25...Bg7 26.f5 (Bf4 is now threatened.) 26...e5 Securing that diagonal, and white is left with serious weaknesses around his king. [26...Rdd8 27.Bf4 Be5] 27.Rf3 [27.fxe6 Rxe6 28.Bf4 Be5] 27...Re8 28.Rbf1 Qc6 29.fxg6 Rxg6 30.Kg1 h4 31.Be1 [31.Rxf7 hxg3 32.h4!?] 31...Bh6! 32.Qb3 Be3+ 33.Kg2 f5 34.c5+ Kg7 35.cxb6 axb6 36.Bf2 hxg3 37.Bxe3 [37.hxg3 f4 38.Rg1 Rh8-+] 37...gxh2+ 38.Kf2 dxe3+ 39.Kxe3 f4+ 40.Kd2 Rg1 41.Rxf4 exf4 [41...exf4 42.Rxf4 Qc1#] 0-1

Long, James (2027)
Dooley, Chris (1950) [B21]
OCA Okla Senior Ch (5.2), 15.04.2018
[TB]

This was an important game. Long had been having a great tournament and could have tied for first with a win here. The result is a battle in the Smith-Morra Gambit between two aficionados of that opening. 1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 a6 [6...Nf6 7.e5! is a well-known trap to avoid. 7...dxe5 8.Qxd8+ Nxd8 9.Nb5±] 7.0-0 Nf6 This is the classic defense to the gambit I learned as a kid, following the famous game Smith - Larry Evans from San Antonio 1972. Black delays playing ...e6 so that he can play ...Bg4 if allowed, as happens in this game. 8.Qe2 This move allows the ...Bg4 riposte that is supposed to be good for black, but no doubt James knows that and has his own ideas. [In that Smith-Evans game, white tried 8.Bg5 instead, and went down to a memorable defeat: 8...e6 9.Qe2 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Rfd1 Nxg3 13.hxg3 g4 14.Ne1 Ne5 15.Bb3 h5 16.Nd3 Bg7 17.Nf4 h4 18.Qd2 hxg3 19.fxg3 Qb6+ 20.Kf1 Bd7 21.Rac1 Rd8 22.Ke2 Nf3 23.Qd3 Nd4+ 24.Kd2 Nxb3+ 25.axb3 Qf2+ 26.Nce2 Bb5 27.Qe3 Qxe3+ 28.Kxe3 e5 29.Nd5 Bh6+ 30.Kf2 Bxc1 31.Rxc1 Bc6 32.Nec3 Kd7 33.Nf6+ Ke6 34.Nxg4 f5 35.exf5+ Kxf5 36.Ne3+ Ke6 37.g4 d5 38.Ne2 d4 39.Nc4 Rdg8 40.Kg3 Rg5 0-1 Smith,K (2395)-Evans,L (2545)/San Antonio 1972] 8...Bg4 9.Rd1 Bxf3 [According to Palliser in "Fighting the Anti-Sicilians" now 9...e6 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Be7 12.Bf4 Qb8 is advantage to black.] 10.gxf3!? [I guess this is a modern approach. The normal 10.Qxf3 Ne5 11.Qe2 Nxc4 12.Qxc4 Rc8 13.Qb3 Qc7≤ arrives at a position I remember playing against Eugene Amburn back in the 1970s! It looks winning, but still isn't easy despite the trades. White still has good compensation for the pawn.] 10...Qa5!? ["This is a move I play on the internet. In retrospect ...e6 may be better." (C. Dooley after the game). If 10...e6 11.f4 b5 12.Nxb5!? axb5 13.Bxb5 Rc8 was the game Giminez (1811) - M. Langer (2206) played in Stillwater, 2006, and here the computer thinks 14. Be3 is better for white, when Black doesn't have an easy way to save his pinned knight.] 11.f4 e5!? [ÅI don't like this followup. Black normally avoids this unless forced. Since the black Q is defending e5 from a safe square (a5), white's e4-e5 doesn't appear to be a threat yet, so why not 11...g6? 12.a3 Bg7 13.b4 Qc7 14.Bb2 0-0 15.Rac1 looks typical for white, but black may just be better.] 12.Be3 exf4 13.Bxf4 Ne5 14.Bd5 [14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5± is what the computer likes (+1)] 14...Rb8 15.a3 [Stronger was 15.Bxe5! dxe5 16.Qc4! Bc5 *(*The attack on f7 can't be blocked. If *16...Nxd5 17.Rxd5 Qb4 18.Rxe5+)* 17.Bxf7+ Kf8±] 15...Be7 16.b4 Qb6 17.Be3 Qd8 Black is getting pushed around. 18.Rac1 [Maybe playing it a little too sophisticatedly. The obvious 18.f4 is strong. 18...Ng6 19.e5 Nxd5 20.Rxd5 0-0 21.exd6±] 18...0-0 19.Ba7 Ra8 20.Bd4 Nc6 21.Be3 Qc8 22.Na4 Qh3 Having been given a reprieve, black manages to activate some pieces and the game is in doubt again. 23.Rc3 Qh4 24.Bxc6 bxc6 25.f3 a5 [Why give up a pawn? 25...d5 26.exd5 cxd5 27.Nb6 Rad8≥ 28.Qxa6? d4] 26.Nb6 axb4 27.axb4 Rad8 28.Rxc6 d5 29.e5± Nh5 30.Nxd5+- Bg5 31.Bf2 [31.Rd4+-] 31...Qh3 32.Qe4? Rxd5 Ouch. 33.Bd4 [33.Rxd5 Nf4] 33...Nf4 34.Rd2 Rfd8 35.Rc4 Ne6 36.Ra2 Nxd4 A painful loss for Long, who otherwise had a great tournament. It didn't matter to the fight for first place since Hulsey won his game, but would have capped a nice event for him and many rating points. 0-1

GAMES FROM THE RED RIVER SHOOTOUT

Berry, Jim (1858)
Donovan, Mike (1842) [C22]
RRSO XVI (Davis OK) (1.6), 21.04.2018
[Notes by Mike Donovan]

1.e4 e5 2.d4 Center Game. 2...exd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qe3 Bb4+ Fritz thinks that Black is already better. [Marin recommends 4...g6!? 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Bd2 Nf6 7.e5 Ng4 8.Qe4 d6! 9.exd6+ Be6 10.dxc7 Qxc7 11.Be2 Rd8!≥ and if 12.Bxg4 Rd4 13.Qe3 Rxg4] 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bd2 Nf6 7.0-0-0 Bc5 [I did not want to castle yet, not wanting to face the complications once his queen came to the g-file, but it would have been somewhat better than my move. 7...0-0 8.Qg3 Nh5 9.Qf3 g6= In this position, I do not like my dark square weaknesses, especially as my dark square bishop cannot oppose its counterpart on the kingside.(9...Nf6 10.Qg3 *(10.Bg5?! Bg4 11.Qxg4 Nxg4 12.Bxd8 Nxf2µ)* 10...Ne5 11.Nge2 Bc5=)] 8.Qg3 Ng4?! 9.Nh3 I overlooked this move, thinking that I would have the f2 pawn and more. Now the knight does not look too happy, and White is better. 9...0-0 10.Be2 Nge5 11.f4 Ng6? 12.Rhf1? [12.f5! Nge5 13.Bh6! and Black is in big trouble. I thought that I could get out with 13...Qf6 but this loses the queen.] 12...Qh4! 13.Nd5 Nd4 14.Bd3 Qxg3 15.hxg3 c6 16.Nc3 f5?! 17.Rde1 [Fritz likes 17.Rfe1 much better, giving really complicated lines. White first gives up the exchange, so it would be hard for a human to play. 17...fxe4 18.Nxe4 Bg4 19.b4 Bxd1 20.Kxd1 Bb6 21.Nxd6±] 17...Bd7 18.Bc4+ Kh8 19.Ng5 h6 20.Nf3 [20.Rh1 b5 21.Bd3 *(21.Nf7+ Kh7 22.Ng5+ Kh8 23.Nf7+* and White has forced a draw.*)* 21...Bb6 22.Nf3≤] 20...b5 21.Bd3 Bb6 22.Nh4?!

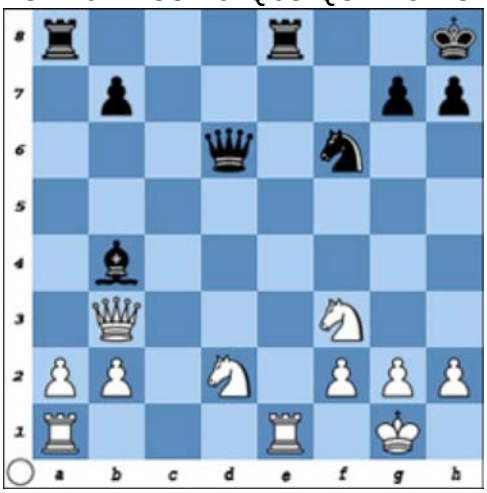
Both of us were making a lot of inaccuracies in complex positions. I was thrilled to both get rid of an unprotected knight and close the h-file. 22...Nxh4 23.gxh4 fxe4 24.Nxe4 d5 25.Nd6? This was a serious mistake, but Fritz only gives Black a fractional -0.8 advantage. 25...Rf6! 26.f5 It appears that White thinks he can trap my knight. [26.Nb7!? a5 27.Be3! Ra7 28.c3 Bf5 29.Kd2 Bxd3 30.Kxd3 Nf5 31.Bxb6 Rxb7=] 26...Rxd6 27.Bf4? [27.c3 would have trapped my knight, leaving White only down a pawn. 27...Bxf5 28.Bxf5 Nxf5 29.Rxf5] 27...Rf6 28.Be5 Rf7 29.f6 After a long think, I played 29...Kg8 and was in time trouble the rest of the game. At one point I got down to three seconds. [Simpler might have been 29...gxf6 30.Bxf6+ Kg8 31.Bg6 Raf8 32.Bxf7+ Rxf7] 30.Bg6 Raf8 31.Bd6? Rxf6! 32.Bxf8 Rxg6 33.Be7 Re6 Trying to simplify, being in time trouble, but taking the g-pawn would have been wiser. 34.Rf8+ Kh7 35.Bb4 a5 36.Bd2 Rxe1+ 37.Bxe1 Bg4 38.Kd2 Ne6 39.Rc8 Nd8 40.Rb8 Bc7 41.Ra8 Bf4+ 42.Kd3 I was looking for a checkmate here, but did not have time, and there is not one anyway. 42...Ne6 43.Bf2 Bf5+ 44.Ke2 Bxc2 45.Rxa5 Be5 46.Ra6 Nd8 47.Bb6 Nf7 48.Bc5 Bxb2 49.Rxc6 Ne5 50.Rc7 Be4 51.Bf8 Nc4 52.g3 Bb1 53.Rc5 Kg8 54.Be7 Kf7 55.Bd8 Bxa2 [55...d4! 56.Rxb5 d3+ 57.Kf2 d2 would have easily decided the game, as Jim pointed out afterwards. My only excuse is that I was playing on increment trying not to make stupid moves.] 56.Rxd5 b4 57.Bc7 Ke6 58.Rb5 Bc3 59.Kd3 Kd7 60.Bf4 Kc6 61.Rb8 Nb6 62.Kc2 Nd5 63.Bc1 b3+ 64.Kd3 Nb4+? This terrible blunder drops a piece. Now White is winning. 65.Kxc3 Nd5+ 66.Kb2 Kc5 67.Bd2 Nf6 68.Rg8? White hangs his rook in time trouble. 68...Ne4? Black misses the hanging rook, also in time trouble. 69.Bc3 [69.Be3+! Kd5 70.Rxg7+-] 69...Nxg3 70.Rxg7 Nf5 71.Rg6 [71.Rg4 and White keeps his pawn. With all of the White's pawns off the board, it will be much harder, as White will always need to prevent b2.] 71...Nxh4 72.Rxh6 With no White pawns left on the board, I have hopes of a draw if my knight does not get trapped by the rook. 72...Nf3? 73.Rf6? [73.Rh3! Ng1 *(73...Nd4 74.Rh5+ Kc4 75.Rh4)* 74.Re3!] 73...Ng1 74.Rf2 Kc4 75.Be5 Kd3 76.Rh2 Ne2 77.Rh3+ Kd2 78.Rh2 Kd3 79.Bd6 Kd2 80.Rg2 Kd3 81.Rf2 Nd4 82.Bb4 Ke3 83.Rh2 Nf3 84.Rh3 Ke2 85.Bc3 Ke3 White offers a draw, and black accepts.
½ - ½

Baker, Scott (1577) –
Llewellyn, Brandon (1402) [D02]
RRSO XVI (Davis OK) (1.12), 21.04.2018 *[TB]*
1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 The Hulburd Opening! Appropriate for RRSO, I'd say…. 2…e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.c3 d5 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.h3 0-0 8.Bd3 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Rc1 Rc8 11.Bb1 b5 12.Ne5 Bd6 13.Bh2 a5 14.f4 Ne7 15.g4
Black has spent too much time reorganizing his pieces and white has achieved a good kingside attack. Black decides now it is best to give up his bishop and jump into e4 with his knight, to blunt white's looming attack by blocking the B on b1. 15…Bxe5 16.fxe5

16…Ne4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 Although this idea is often tried by black in the London, experience shows this pawn is usually too weak to be held in the long run. Indeed Baker soon rounds it up.
18.Qe2 Ng6 19.Bg3 c4 20.Qg2 Qd5 21.h4 b4 22.h5 Ne7 23.Rf4 Qb5 24.Bxe4 Bxe4 25.Qxe4 Nd5 26.Rf2 bxc3 27.bxc3 Rb8 28.Qf3 Qc6 29.e4 Nc7 30.Rcf1 Rb7 31.Rd2 Qb6 32.Bh4 Nb5 33.Bf2 Qd8 34.d5 exd5 35.exd5 Re7 36.Bc5 Rxe5 37.Bxf8 Qxf8 38.Kg2 Qe7 39.d6 Qd7 40.Re2 Rxe2+ 41.Qxe2 Nxd6 42.Qf3 f6 43.Qa8+ Kf7 44.Qd5+ Qe6 45.Qxe6+ Kxe6 46.Kf3 Nf7 47.Re1+ Ne5+ 48.Ke4 Nxg4 49.Kd4+ Ne5 50.a4 g5 51.hxg6 hxg6 52.Kc5 g5 53.Kb5 Kd5 54.Rd1+ Nd3 55.Kxa5 g4 56.Kb5 Ke4 57.a5 g3 58.a6 g2 1-0

Nazario, Jimmy (1305)
Schwetke, Doug (1500) [B92]
RRSO XVI (Davis OK) (1.20), 21.04.2018
[TB]
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nf3 h6 8.0-0 Be7 9.h3 Be6 10.Be3 Nbd7 11.Nh2 0-0 12.Bg4 Nxg4 13.Nxg4 Nf6 14.Qf3 Nxg4 15.hxg4 Qd7 16.Qg3 Rac8 17.g5 hxg5 18.Bxg5 Bxg5 19.Qxg5 f5 20.exf5 Rxf5 21.Qg6 Rf6 22.Qg5 Rc4 23.f3 Qf7 24.Ne4 Rg6 25.Qd8+ Kh7? [25...Qf8 26.Qxd6 Qxd6 27.Nxd6 Rxc2=] 26.Ng5++- Rxg5 27.Qxg5 Rxc2 28.b3 Qf6 29.Qxf6 gxf6 30.Rf2 Rc6 31.f4 e4 32.f5 Bf7 33.Re1 d5 34.Rf4 Rc2 35.Rg4 Kh6 36.Re3 1-0

Barnes, Maxwell (1493)
Crane, Tom (1530) [B13]
RRSO XVI (Davis OK) (1.18), 21.04.2018
[TB]
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bf4 Bf5 6.c4 dxc4 7.d5 Nb8 8.Bxc4 Nf6 9.Bxb8 Rxb8 10.Qa4+ Nd7 11.Qxa7 e5 12.dxe6 Bxe6 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Qe3 Bb4+ 15.Nbd2 0-0 16.Qxe6+ Kh8 17.0-0 Nf6 18.Rfd1 Re8 19.Qb3 Qe7 20.Re1 Qd6



21.Ng5 Somebody has been learning his tactics! This isn't just a fork threat, it is a mate threat too... 21...Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Qxd2? [22...Qd5 is the only move, but since white is two pawns up trading queens is what he wants. 23.Qxd5 Nxd5 24.Rd1 Rc8 25.Nb3 etc., winning.] 23.Nf7+ Kg8 24.Nh6+ Kh8 25.Qg8+ Caruana said recently that he's never actually played a smothered mate like this, so Max is one up on him! 1-0

More games, continued on page 23….

ChessBazaar and Chess Memories

by Istvan Szabad

Let me tell you a little chess story.

Once upon a time there was an eight-year-old poor boy that lived in a small European country. He was always very happy to spend the Summer with his grandfathers and uncles who lived in a tiny dusty village, far from the noisy cities. The summer was hot, so the simple hard working peasants often went to the tavern to "clean the dust from their throat" with a few mugs of cold beer. (The boy would get cold soda.)

One day in the smoke-filled tavern the boy saw two guys playing some game at a table. On a checkered wooden board there were many strange-looking wood-carved pieces that looked to him like horses, bastions, or Christmas trees. They were very old and shabby-looking. This was the first time when the boy saw a chess set, and he was fascinated by it.

That night in a dream a fairy appeared to him and said, "One day you will move to a huge, remote country and then you will have your own brand new chess pieces, exactly the same like you saw in the village's tavern!"

I was that boy in the story! I was born and lived in Hungary, later immigrated to USA (the "huge remote country"), and my fascination with collecting chess sets led me to a company called "ChessBazaar" in India, which can reproduce any style chess set ever made, given a sample or good photographs. I found out this is what they had done with that old Hungarian tavern set!

I bought it! You can imagine the melancholy emotions I felt as I finally held those chess pieces in my hands (from my childhood's memories, after almost a half century!)

This picture shows the great Hungarian player Lajos Portisch with the same set!

One day I saw an old photo of Rudolf Spielmann, posing

with a rare old Austrian-style set I had once seen. It had a unique opposite-color "ball" on the bishop heads.

That gave me an idea… In December 2013 I hired ChessBazaar to make it for me! They did, and it is called *"Reproduced Antique Series Austrian Coffee House Old Vienna Chess Pieces - M9976."* Here is me with the set… How do you like those bishops!?

Nowadays, I have 23 different sets from Chessbazaar (out of the more than 50 sets in my collection). They are all very good quality. They offer so many kinds of sets (from the economy class to the luxury or antique class) that surely everyone can find one (or more) he or she likes! Check it out:

www.chessbazaar.com

Taming the Lion

(Philidor Defense: Lion Variation)

by Jim Hollingsworth

Hollingsworth, JIm (1800)
Zachare, Logan (2107)
Arlington Open 31 (C41) 07.04.2018

I got lucky against Logan Zachare, a strong Oklahoma expert who, in only a couple of weeks, will be playing Top Board at RRSO XVI, the annual team match between the most fanatical chess players in Oklahoma and Texas. Despite my win, the most gratifying part of this experience was Logan's willingness to analyze the game with me afterward and share ideas about this opening and the tactics that followed.

1.e4 d6

The Philidor Defence is named after Francois-Andre Danican Philidor, an 18th-century master. The normal move sequence is 1.e4, e5; 2.Nf3, d6. Philidor advocated challenging White's center with f7-f5. Rarely seen in top-level play, this opening is recommended for amateur players because of its simplicity.

2.Nf3

TB- Usually white plays 2. d4 and we reach the same positions after 2…Nf6 3. Nc3, e5 4. Nf3 etc. However in this sequence white has the option of exchanging queens with 4. dxe5, with an interesting rich endgame.

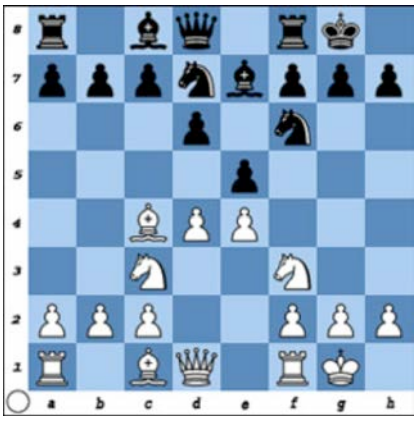
2… Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Bc4 Be7 5.0-0 0-0

Some other continuations from the Okie Database:

[5...c6 6.d3 0-0 7.Be3 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.Nxe5 dxc4 10.Nxc4 Nc6 11.a3 Be6 12.Nd2 Rc8 13.Rc1 Ng4 14.Qe2 Bd6 15.h3 Nxe3 16.fxe3 f5 etc. 0-1 (32) Anderson,S (1570)-Kujovic, M (2225) Norman 2004]

[5...Bg4 6.d3 0-0 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.Bxd5 h6 10.h3 Bd7 11.Qd2 g5 12.d4 Rb8 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Rad1 Bf6 15.Qc3 Qe7 16.Bc5 Qe8 17.Bxf8 Qxf8 18.Bc4 Be8 19.Rd2 Nd4 20.Nxd4 exd4 21.Qf3 Kg7 22.Qf5 Qd6 23.Re1 Be5 24.c3 c5 25.b4 b6 26.bxc5 bxc5 27.cxd4 cxd4 28.Bb3 Rb5 29.Bd5 Qc7 30.h4 Qe7 31.hxg5 hxg5 32.Rd3 Bd7 33.Qf3 g4 34.Qd1 Qh4 35.Kf1 Rb2 36.Rd2 Qh1+ 37.Ke2 Bb5+ 0-1 Yates,D (1176)-Baxter,R (1511) Claremore 2007]

6.d4 Nbd7



7.dxe5

The classic main line “Hanham Variation” goes like this: 7.a4 c6 and black plays on the queenside.

But the modern variation of the Philidor is the ‘Lion’ Variation, in which we often see black playing …h6, …g5, and …Nf8-g6-f4 with a complex attack. It has been winning some games lately!

By exchanging early on e5 white ‘tames’ some of that attacking potential and instead steers the game toward more patient maneuvering — although the chances are equal in the complex middlegame.

7...dxe5 8.Re1 c6

Preparing a post for Black's Queen to provide additional support for his pawn at e5.

9.h3

With the idea of keeping the pesky Knight away from g4.

9...Qc7 10.a3

[10.Nh4 Nc5 11.Nf5 Bxf5 12.exf5 b5 13.Bf1 b4 14.Nb1 e4 15.Be3 Rad8 16.Nd2 Qe5 17.Qe2 Qxf5 18.Qc4 Rfe8 19.Nb3 Ne6 20.Qxc6 Qe5 21.c3 h5 22.Nd4 Bd6 23.g3 h4 24.f4 exf3 25.Bf4 f2+ 26.Kxf2 hxg3+ Fridstein (2486) - Konstantinopolsky (2520) 1947. Moscow.]

For MAY 2018

Top 25 Active Oklahoma Players				
	Player	This Month	Change +/-	
1	Advait Patel	2585	5	
2	Howard Zhong	2280	0	
3	Daniel Ng	2273	0	
4	Mark Hulsey	2233	12	▲
5	Bart Gibbons	2217	-13	▲
6	Tom Braunlich	2200	-10	▼
7	Sergey Galant	2188	0	
8	Joshua Alexander	2142	0	
9	Chibuzo C Ilonze	2133	0	
10	Anthony Paolercio	2108	0	
11	Adonis Turner	2103	0	
12	John Cope	2084	0	
13	Chuck Johnson	2077	0	
14	Logan Zachare	2075	-32	▼
15	James Tyner	2074	0	
16	David Luscomb	2068	0	
17	Charles D Unruh	2062	0	
18	Tom Patton	2060	0	
19	Neil Naputo Sr	2048	0	
20	Matt Dalthorp	2045	0	
21	Michael Nugent	2039	0	
22	Charles M Unruh	2039	0	
23	James Long	2038	11	▲
24	Veronika Zilajeva	2033	0	
25	Alan Islas	2024	0	

Player of the Month

Dr. Mark Hulsey

The veteran doctor from OKC returned to tournament chess this month to win the senior championship.

10...Nb6 11.Bb3 Be6!? 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Qe2 Rad8 14.Be3 Nh5 15.Rad1 Nf4

16.Qf1?? [Better is 16.Bxf4 =]

16...Nxh3+!!

I totally missed this move. As soon as Logan sac'd his Knight I was shaking my head in disbelief. But the game goes on...

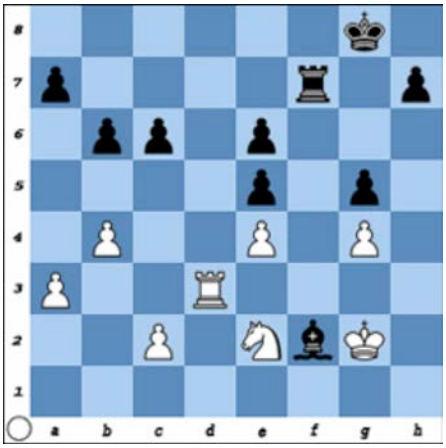
17.gxh3 Rxf3! 18.Kg2 Rdf8! 19.Kh2 Bh4! 20.Rd2 Qf7!

Piling on unbelievable pressure.

21.Nd1 (only move) Qh5 22.Qg2 Nc4 23.Rd7! g6 24.Bc5! R8f7 25.Rxf7 Rxf7 26.Qg4! Qxg4 27.hxg4 b6! 28.Kh3 g5?

[Better: 28...Bg5]

29.Be3 Nxe3 30.Rxe3 Bxf2 31.Rd3 Bc5 32.Kg3 Rf4 33.b4 Bg1 34.Nc3 Bd4 35.Ne2! Bf2+ 36.Kg2 Rf7



37.Rf3! Rxf3

Without the Rooks, the game simplifies into an active Knight v. bad Bishop endgame that

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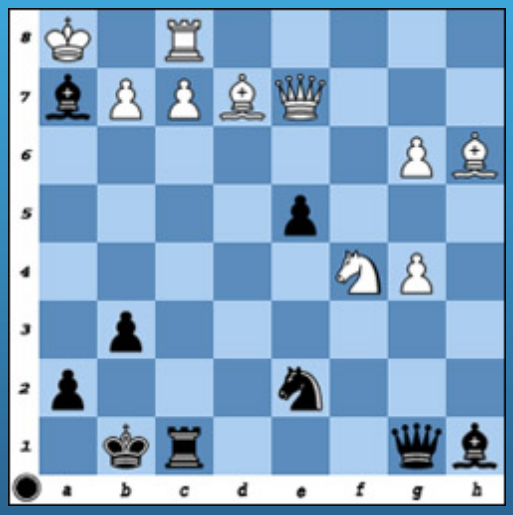

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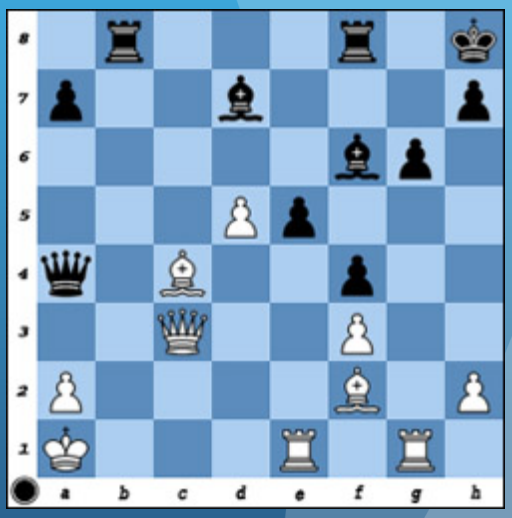

Black to move and win. (Difficult)

is difficult for black to win. Better: 37...Be1.

38.Kxf3= Be1 39.Ke3 Kg7 40.c4 Kg6 41.b5 c5?
During the post mortem, Logan and I agreed this move allows White to obtain an impenetrable fortress. [41...cxb5]

42.Kf3 h5 43.Nc1 Bc3 44.a4! Be1 45.Nd3

Here White offered a draw.

45...Bd2?? 46.Nxe5+!!

Logan told me his idea behind sacrificing the pawn was to enable his Bishop to become more active. However, he is starting to play with fire...

46...Kf6 47.Nd3

Here I was happy playing for a draw. With careful play, I didn't see any way Black could penetrate my fortress.

[Also playable is 47.Nc6]

47...Bc3 48.Kg3 hxg4

[48...h4+ doesn't help Black. 49.Kf3 Kg6 50.Kg2!=]

49.Kxg4 Kg6 50.Nf2 Kf6 51.Nd3 Bd4 52.Kh5 Be3 53.Kg4 Kg6?

[53...Bd2] [53...Bd4]

54.Ne5+! Kh6?

Puts Black's King out of position for a possible push down the center. By this point of the game time trouble was also weighing heavily upon the Lion player...

[Better was 54...Kf6 55.Nc6 Bf4 56.Nxa7 Ke5 57.Kf3 g4+ 58.Kxg4 Kxe4 unclear.]

55.Nc6!! Kg6 56.Nxa7! Kf6 57.Nc6 Bf4 58.Kf3 Bc7 59.Kg4 Kg6 60.Ne7+ Kf6 61.Nc6 Bd6 62.Kh5 Bg3 63.Kg4 Bc7 64.Kh5 Bd6 65.Kg4 Kg6?

Black's King needed to remain at f6 to prevent White's next move.

66.a5! bxa5 67.Nxa5 Kf6 68.Nc6 Bc7 69.Kh5 Bf4 70.b6!! Kf7 71.e5!!

There's no way to stop White's b-pawn from reaching b8.

1-0

Answers to the Puzzles

(1) This is from a classic attacking gem by GM Ian Rogers of Australia. Black wins with 1…Bxg2+, 2. Kxg2 and now you have to see the mating patterns that arise after 2… Rxf2+! If 3.Kxf2, Q-g3 is a classic mate with the queen. If 3.Rxf2 then …Qg3+ and mate. Refusing the rook gift also loses in a couple moves.

(2) From a recent game IM Iniyan – GM Zubov, 2018. The winning idea is to deflect white's queen off the long diagonal so that a discovered check with …e4 uncovering the bishop will win. The way to do this is 1…Qc2! 2. Qxc2, e4+ (Now white doesn't have Bd4 in response to this). 3. Qb2, Bxb2+ 4. Kb1 Bd4+ and …Bxf2 next, winning.

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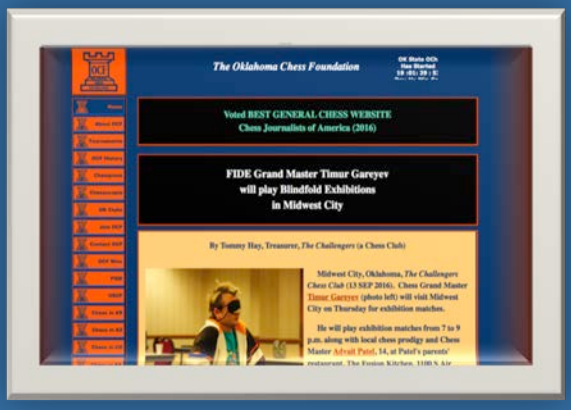
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Hulsey (right) vs. Long

Hulsey, Mark (2221)
Long, James (2027) [C42]
OCA Okla Senior Ch (4.1), 15.04.2018
[TB]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Nbd2

[The well-established main line goes 8.c4 Nb4 9.Be2 0-0 10.Nc3 Bf5 11.a3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Nc6 which has been solid and holding up well in GM play, so much so that it is fashionable now to play Nc3 for white back on move 5 and avoid all this.]

8...Nxd2

[Too cooperative, forwarding white's development, even though the resulting position looks symmetrical and drawish. Surely better is 8...f5=]

9.Bxd2

With a slight edge now for white.

9... 0-0

10.Ne5!?

Interesting. 10. h3 or 10. c3 with a slight edge for white thanks to a couple tempo development lead, but still likely a draw. Instead, white bids for an advantage with no risk, as there is a forced draw in a key variation, and otherwise white gets a permanent edge.

10...Bf6?!

Long isn't satisfied with an early draw. If 10...Nxd4 then 11.Qh5 g6 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.Bxg6 fxg6 14.Qxg6+ is an immediate perpetual check.

11.Nxc6 bxc6

White's maneuver saddled black with doubled pawns, which is something white can work on in an ending. No doubt Hulsey was already picturing how he could trade pieces off and win such an ending. It's educational to see how he does just exactly that, using tactics.

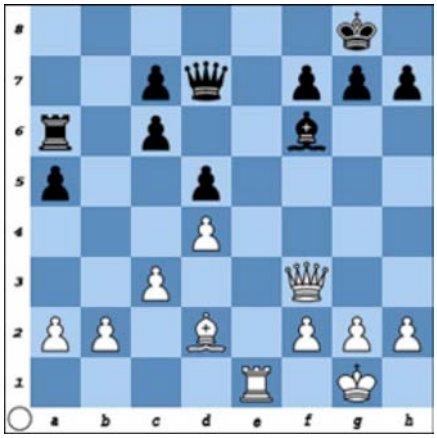
12.c3 a5 13.Qf3 Ba6

It's logical to trade off white's active bishop and leave him with a bad one, but it does get white one step closer to the ending he wants.

14.Bxa6 Rxa6 15.Rae1 Re8

[Too cooperative. Now the ending arrives suddenly. Better I think was 15...Rb6 16.Bc1 Qd7]

16.Rxe8+ Qxe8 17.Re1 Qd7



18.Qf5! Qd8 19.Bg5!

The black back rank allows white to use tactics not for a mating attack, but simply as a method of forcing more pieces off to get to a rook ending, which he has reason to believe he can win.

19...Bxg5 20.Qxg5! Ra8 21.Qe7 Qxe7 22.Rxe7 Rc8 23.Kf1 Kf8 24.Re5

This is the ending white has been aiming for, and clearly it is very dangerous for black. His king is cutoff from the key queenside, while white's king can move there quickly and try to penetrate decisively.

That Long was able to draw this is impressive!

24...a4!

Restraint.

25.Ke1 Rb8 26.Re2 Rb5

Aiming to trade off some weak pawns quickly. 27.Kd1 c5 28.dxc5 Rxc5 29.Kd2

Rb5 30.Kd3 c6 31.Kd4 g6 32.c4

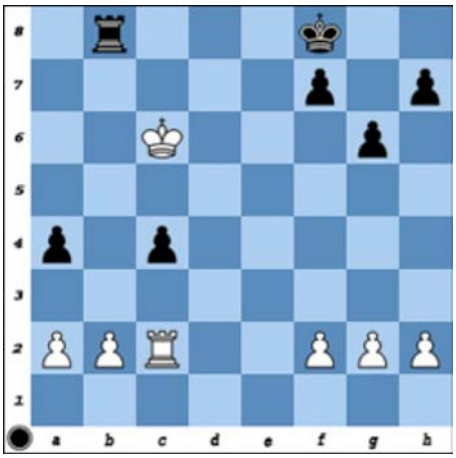
White has to try this break sooner or later.

32...Rb4

[32...dxc4 33.Kxc4 f5 34.Kc3 Kf7 35.Rd2 Ke6 36.Rd4 a3 37.bxa3 c5 38.Rd2±]

33.Rc2 dxc4 34.Kc5 Rb8 35.Kxc6

[35.Kxc4! Ke7≤ but drawish now that black's king enters in.]



35...c3!

A lovely shot by Long to save the game, and one worth remembering. White must take, but that allows ....a3 and black gets the well-known outpost square on b2 for his rook that conquers the 2nd rank and wins his pawn back.

36.bxc3 a3

[Long offered a draw, although he could have played on, i.e. 36...a3 37.c4 Rb2 38.Rc3 Rxa2 39.g3 Rxf2 40.Rxa3 Rxh2 White's c-pawn gives enough counterplay to draw a pawn down.] ½ - ½

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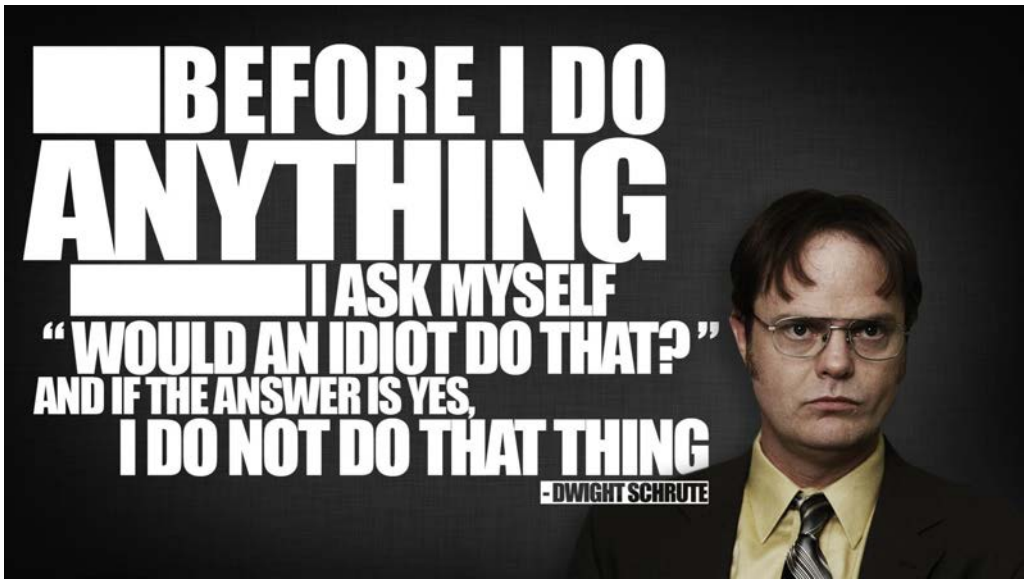

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May 18, 2018 GRANDMASTER GAREYEV BLINDFOLD EXHIBITION Tulsa, OK

6:30pm, Friday May 18, Wyndham Hotel Tulsa, just west of 41st and Garnett. Spectators welcome. No fee to attend, but recommended donation to the OCF tournament fund at the door.
GM Gareyev set a world record last year for simultaneous blindfold play. For us he will give a lecture about how to play blindfold chess yourself and why you should, and then give a simultaneous exhibition against seven pre-selected players. He will stay to play in the FKB Memorial the following day…

May 19-20, 2018 2nd FRANK K BERRY MEMORIAL Tulsa, OK

5-SS; G/90+30. Wyndham Hotel, 10918 E. 41st St., Tulsa, OK. 918-627-5000. HR: $79. Two Sections: Open and Reserve (U1600). EF: $40 if mailed by 5/15, $50 thereafter, FREE for Masters 2200+ (deducted from winnings). Free OCF. Prizes $$2600 (1st Prize Gtd. each section, rest b/65 paid entries) Open: $1,000(G)-250, X: 200, A: 200, B: 200. Reserve (U1600): $250(G)-100, D: 200, U1200/UNR: 200. Reg.: 9-9:45am Sat 5/19. Byes: One ½-pt bye Rds. 1-5 if commit before Sat 9pm. Rds.: (5/19) 10-2:30-7, (5/20) 9-1:15. Entries to: Tom Braunlich, 7500 S. Birch, Broken Arrow, OK 74011. Inquiries: tom.braunlich@cox.net Web: www.ocfchess.org

May 25-28, 2018 TX STATE AND AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP Ft.Worth TX

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July 30- July 1, 2018 73rd OCA Oklahoma Open St. Championship Tulsa, OK

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July 13-15, 2018 KANSAS OPEN Lenexa, KS

5SS, G/120 d5. Lenexa, KS (near Kansas City) **Contact:** Laurence Coker, wlcoker7@hotmail.com.

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By IM John Donaldson:

Two new books on NAJDORF and EUWE

Books on openings, especially those promising quick victories, may dominate the market, but there is always room for works devoted to famous players. Ideally part biography and part game collection, these books don't have a built in expiration date like opening treatises and can have a long shelf life - witness Alekhine's two volumes devoted to his best games which have been studied for almost a hundred years.

Two new books by Russell Enterprises (www.russell-enterprises.com) will add to the rich literature of the royal game.

Najdorf X Najdorf (2016, 208 pages, figurine algebraic, $24.95) by Liliana Najdorf covers the life and games of her father, one of the strongest and most colorful players of the 20th century.

Najdorf was born Moishe Mendel (Mieczysław), but answered to Miguel Najdorf most of his life. He was, after Reshevsky, the second best player in the West in the late 1940s and the first half of the 1950s and played at the Grandmaster level into his seventies.

This book, ably translated from the Spanish by Taylor Kingston, is the story of Najdorf's life as told by his daughter, but it also offers material not offered in the original work. This includes 11 annotated games by Jan Timman who believes Najdorf should have been included in the 1948 World Championship tournament.

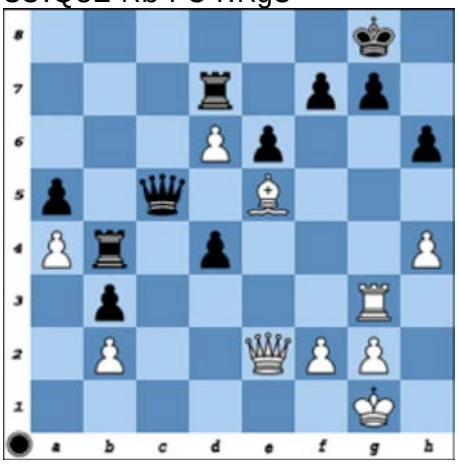
This volume also benefits from the skilled hand of Mr. Kingston who goes beyond the normal duties of a translator to address with sensitivity the question of Najdorf's "inconsistent relationship with factual truth". Simply put Don Miguel, as he was known to his many friends and admirers, loved telling stories but was not always careful with the facts. Sometimes the errors were minor but in other cases had no factual basis (i.e. he didn't play two tournament games with Alekhine nor was he ever Polish champion).

Najdorf X Najdorf is a delightful book that belongs in every chess player's library.

Max Euwe, 5th World Champion by Isaak and Vladimir Lindner (2017, 240 pages, figurine algebraic, $24.95).

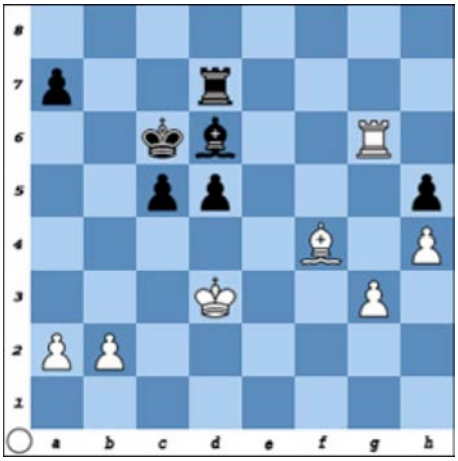
While Najdorf was among the dozen players in the world, the subject of the other offering by Russell Enterprises, Max Euwe, was not only World Champion, but arguably the strongest amateur player of all time. This is a translation of the original Russian but also features new material in the many annotated games by Karsten Muller and the forward by Andy Soltis, who points out that while Euwe might pale as a player when being compared with other World Champions like Fischer, Kasparov and Karpov, his overall contributions to the game as a player, author, FIDE President, arbiter and analyst compare with the very best. Euwe deserves to be better remembered and this book will help to do that.

Tort, Francisco (1864)
Hatcher, Wayne (1927) [D48]
RRSO XVI (Davis OK) (2.5), 21.04.2018
[TB]
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c6 5.e3 a6 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.0-0 Be7 10.Qe2 Bb7 11.Rd1 0-0 12.a4 b4 13.Nb1 a5 14.Nbd2 c5 15.Nc4 Qc7 16.Nfe5 Rad8 17.e4 cxd4 18.Bf4 Qc5 19.Rac1 Qa7 20.Nxd7 Rxd7 21.e5 Nd5 22.Bg3 Bg5 23.Qh5 h6 24.Rc2 b3 25.Re2 Nb4 26.h4 Be7 27.Nd6 Bxd6 28.exd6 Nxd3 29.Rxd3 Ba6 30.Red2 Bxd3 31.Rxd3 Rb8 32.Be5 Qc5 33.Qe2 Rb4 34.Rg3



f5? [34...f6 35.Bxf6 Qxd6 36.Qg4 Rbb7 and black wins.] 35.Bxg7! Rxg7 36.Qxe6+ Kh7 37.Rxg7+ Kxg7 38.Qe7+ Kg6 39.Qe8+
½ - ½

Klauss, Cory (1873)
Graham-Bowcaster, Shaun (1987) [A21]
RRSO XVI (Davis OK) (2.4), 21.04.2018
[TB]
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 c6 3.d4 exd4 4.Qxd4 Na6 5.Bf4 Qb6 6.Qd2 Nf6 7.Be5 Ng4 8.Bd4 c5 9.Nd5 Qd6 10.Bc3 Nc7 11.Nxc7+ Qxc7 12.Nf3 d6 13.g3 Be6 14.Ng5 Qc6 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Rg1 0-0-0 17.Bh3 Qe4 18.f3 Qe3 19.0-0-0 Qxd2+ 20.Rxd2 Ne5 21.f4 Nc6 22.Bxe6+ Kc7 23.Rgd1 h5 24.h4 Rh6 25.Bf7 Rd7 26.Bd5 Re7 27.Bxc6 Kxc6 28.f5 Re3 29.Rg1 b5 30.cxb5+ Kxb5 31.Kc2 Kc6 32.Rg2 d5 33.Rd3 Re4 34.Bd2 Rf6 35.Rf3 Rf7 36.Rgf2 Bd6 37.f6 gxf6 38.Rxf6 Rxf6 39.Rxf6 Rxe2 40.Kd3 Re7 41.Bf4 Rd7



42.Bxd6? [Too hurried. Black is tied up so white has a free move to use before entering the K+P endgame: 42.g4! hxg4 43.h5 and white's passed pawn is a winner.] 42...Rxd6 43.Rf5 [43.Rxd6+? Kxd6 44.Ke3 Ke5 45.Kf3 d4 and white never gets to play g3-g4 to create a passed pawn, and thus loses. 46.g4 hxg4+ 47.Kxg4 Ke4 48.h5 d3 etc.] 43...Rg6 44.Rxh5 Rxg3+ 45.Kc2 Imbalanced R+P endings like this often are technically a draw, but usually the better endgame player wins. 45...c4 46.Rh8 Kc5 47.h5 Kd4 48.h6 Rg2+ 49.Kb1 Kd3 50.a4 Rh2 Look how much better black has activated his pieces than white. 51.h7 d4 52.Rg8 Rxh7 53.Rg3+ Ke4 54.Kc2 Rh2+ 55.Kc1 d3 56.Rg7 Rc2+ 57.Kb1 c3 58.bxc3 Rxc3 59.Re7+ Kf3 60.Rxa7 d2 61.Rf7+ Ke2 62.Re7+ Re3 0-1

Rose,Sam (1837)
Tubbs,Mike (1814) [B18]
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[TB]
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Llewellyn, Brandon (1402)
Baker, Scott (1577) [B17]
RRSO XVI (Davis OK) (2.12), 21.04.2018
[TB]

FIDE and USCF Rating List Factoids

Top Oklahoma player *Advait Patel* has moved onto the top 100 of the FIDE World Rankings for players under age 21 — on the March list he was #90. In an April 14-15 FIDE-rated tournament he drew with Honorary Okie *Jeffery Xiong*, so his ranking is bound to improve. Xiong, by the way is #4 in the world U21 rankings at 2665, and #78 overall in the world.

On other lists, *Howard Zhong* (2280) is #13 in the U.S. on the age 16 rankings. *Advait Patel* is #1 on the age 15 list at USCF 2580.

And *Veronika Zilajeva* would be the #58 ranked woman in the USA were it not for the fact that the USCF still considers her federation to be Latvia.

The ***2018 Missouri State University Open*** was held in Springfield MO, April 7-8. The open section had 20 players and was won by Ed Rysal (1932)(MO), who had a 5-0 score. The tournament was directed by Martin Stahl of the Joplin Chess Club, which is also sponsoring a 4-SS one-day tournament in Joplin on May 5. For details see: http://www.uschess.org/tlas/upcoming.php?STATE=MO

Do or Do Not — The "Flying Amburgys" won two events at the **8th "Do or Do Not" Quads** tournament, held April 28, 2018, in Norman and sponsored by the chess club at OU. Quads are 4-player round-robins (3 games total) and are popular since they make good practice tournaments as you get paired against similarly rated players every round.

Ryan Amburgy won the Quad A that included Neil Naputo, Shaun Graham, and Mike Parker, raising his rating 50 points to an impressive1881. His dad, Chris, won Quad D. Maxwell Barnes went 3-0 to win Quad B (going over 1600), and Scott Baker won Quad C. TDs: Kyle Twitchell and Jeremiah Buenger of the chess club at OU.

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[17.Bxf6 Qxe3 18.Rxe3 Bxf6 19.Rxf3 Rd7≥]
17...Qxg5 18.Qxb7 Rxd3 19.Qxe7 Rfd8 20.h3 h6 21.c4 Qf4 22.c5 R3d7 23.Qxf7+ 0-1

Reed, Louis (1436)
Hay, Tommy (1263) [A17]
RRSO XVI (Davis OK) (2.21), 21.04.2018
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